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Agriculture

Number of students from Ceded districts who have passed out of the Agricultural College.

*1601 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state how many students of the Ceded districts have passed out of the Coimbatore College of Agriculture in each of the last ten years?

A.—A statement [a] giving the information is appended.

Public Works

Compensation to certain Public Works Department officers.

*1602 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of State has sanctioned payment of salary for the full period to officers of the Public Works Department whose services were dispensed with some time ago on account of retrenchment; and

(b) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will place on the table a statement showing the number and names of officers concerned and the amount sanctioned to be paid to each?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer to clause (a) of the question is in the negative.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Irrigation

Investigation of the Thoppiar Irrigation Project, Salem district.

1602-A Q.—Rao Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state at what stage the investigation of the Thoppiar Irrigation Project in Omalur taluk, Salem district, is?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 399 at the meeting of the 8th October 1928. The Chief Engineer has not yet submitted his report.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"I simply wanted to draw your attention, Sir, to the notes given to us regarding the supply of official papers. Clause (b) of the notes says: '(b) all published reports of the various branches of the administration of this Presidency'. And in the last paragraph it says: 'They will be supplied also free of cost with any other official publications of the classes usually available to the public for which they may specially apply'."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"It says 'publications usually available to the public'. The hon. the Minister said that the publication in question is available only to the officers of the department. Then it is not usually available to the public."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Very well, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 358 infra.